



# Florida Action Coalition

Shaping the Future of Healthcare  
through Nursing



All Floridians deserve access to high quality, patient-centered care. That's why Florida is part of the Campaign for Action, which is working to help nurses guide health care system improvements. The Florida Action Coalition, a collaboration of diverse stakeholders, is leading changes in nursing and health care delivery that will enable more Floridians to access high quality care at a reasonable cost.

To reach this goal, nurses and other health care professionals are teaming up with executives from health foundations, businesses, universities and government to advance three areas of focus in Florida nursing: education, leadership, and practice.

## Education

**Why:** A highly-trained and educated nurse workforce leads to system improvements that include better quality, accountability, and coordination of care.

**How:** Florida is working to achieve the Institute of Medicine\* recommendation to increase the number of registered nurses with a four-year, baccalaureate in nursing (BSN) or higher degree to 80% by the year 2020.

\*Institute of Medicine (21010). Future of Nursing: Leading change advancing health. Washington DC: Institute of Medicine.

## Leadership

**Why:** Nurses with strong clinical and leadership skills can promote wellness, develop new models of care, manage coordination of care, and help hospitals to reduce medical errors and hospital readmissions.

**How:** The Florida Action Coalition serves as a resource for nurses to develop leadership skills, is identifying nurses to serve on leadership boards, and is encouraging hospitals and health care management organizations to appoint nurses to their leadership ranks.

## Practice

**Why:** Florida has increasing numbers of older people and more people with chronic conditions who need better access to care. In many parts of the country, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) expand access to care by providing high quality, affordable, effective preventive care in a variety of health care setting such as community clinics, urgent care centers, hospitals, private practice, and more. APRNs typically provide this care in underserved or rural areas, offering an important solution to care shortages.

**How:** Modernizing regulations to enable nurses to practice to the full extent of their knowledge and experience will improve Floridians' access to high quality health care at a reasonable cost.



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